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RESPONSE TO ELECTION/RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

Applicants hereby elect the claims of group I, which correspond to claims 1-54 and 64-70, drawn to a station for attaching a connector to a fiber, classified in class 29, subclass 564.1.

REMARKS

In response to the Restriction Requirement mailed on July 16, 2003, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration. The Examiner has set forth a restriction requirement including claims 1-54 and 64-70 in Group I and claims 55-63 in Group II. By the foregoing, Applicants have elected to restrict examination to claims 1-54 and 64-70 in Group I.

Having made the foregoing election, Applicants respectfully reserve the right to file one or more divisional applications on the subject matter of the non-elected claims. A favorable action is hereby earnestly solicited. If the Examiner has any concerns with the foregoing election, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned to advance this application.